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FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF MARCH 1 LETTER FROM IVORY COAST
PERM REP TO SYG, PURSUANT TO COMMUNICATION REPORTED REFTEL. TEXT
HAS BEEN CIRCULATED TO MISSIONS OF MEMBER STATES.

QUOTE

SIR

WITH REFERENCE TO MY LETTER NO. 139 DATED 25 FEBRUARY 1976,
CONCERNING THE INCIDENTS INVOLVING THE IVORY COAST AND NIGERIA,
I HAVE THE HONOUR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE IVORY
COAST HAS ACCEPTED THE APOLOGIES OFFERED BY THE FEDERAL MILITARY
GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA FOLLOWING THE SEARCHING OF THE PREMISES OF
THE EMBASSY OF THE IVORY COAST AT LAGOS ON 18 FEBRUARY 1976
AND CONSEQUENTLY CONSIDERS THE LAGOS INCIDENTS COMPLETELY
CLOSED.

AT THE MEETING OF THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE PDCI-RDA
PRESIDED OVER BY THE HEAD OF STATE, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE IVORY
COAST ISSUED THE FOLLOWING COMMUNIQUE:

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"THE MINISTER FOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS RECEIVED THE CHARGE

D'AFFAIRES OF THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA IN THE IVORY
COAST IN HIS OFFICE AT 9.30 THIS MONRNING 23 FEBRUARY 1976.

"THE CHARGE D' AFFAIRES DELIVERED A NOTE VERBALE ON
BEHALF OF HIS GOVERNMENT, ACCOMPANIED BY VERBAL COMMENTS.

" IT TRANSPIRES FROM THIS NOTE AND THESE COMMENTS THAT
THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA:

"(1) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT IT HAD THE PREMISES OF THE
EMBASSY OF THE IVORY COAST AT LAGOS SEARCHED ON
18 FEBRYARY 1976;

"(2) ACCORDINGLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE TRUTH OF THE CHARGES
MADE AGAINST IT BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE IVORY COAST;

"(3) ACKNOWLEDGES THAT THE REPORT THE COLONEL DINKA
HAS TAKEN REFUGE IN THE EMBASSY OF THE IVORY COAST AT LAGOS
WAS UNTRUE.

"THE NIGERIAN GOVERNMENT CONSEQUENTLY OFFERS ITS SINCERE
APOLOTIES TO THE GOVERNMENT OF THE IVORY COAST FOR THE
INCIDENTS THAT OCCURRED ON 18 FEBRUARY 1976, WHICH IT CONSIDERS
REGRETTABLE, AND FERVENTLY HOPES THAT THEY WILL NOT AFFECT
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE IVORY COAST AND NIGERIA.

"THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF THE IVORY COAST, AFTER
THE POLITICAL BUREAU OF THE PDCI-RDA DELIBERATED THE MATTER
AT A MEETING HELD AT 10 A.M. ON 23 FEBRUARY 1976:

"HAVING REGARD TO THE PRESENT INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT,
WHICH SHOULD ENCOURAGE AFRICAN STATES TO MAINTAIN CLOSER
RELATIONS AND STRENGTHEN THEIR UNITY,

"HAVING REGARD TO THE TRADITIONAL POLICY OF WELCOMING
OUTSIDE CONTACTS AND FORGETTING PAST INVJURIES, PRACTISED BY
THE IVORY COAST, HAS DECIDED TO ACCEPT THE APPOLOGIES OFFERED
BY THE FEDERAL MILITARY GOVERNMENT OF NIGERIA AND TO CONSIDER
THE INCIDENTS WHICH OCCURRED AT LAGOS COMPLETELY CLOSED.

"IT TRUSTS THAT THERE WILL BE NO RECURRENCE OF SUCH
INCIDENTS AND EXPRESSES THE SINCERE HOPE THAT THE PEOPLES OF
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THE IVORY COAST AND NIGERIA WILL CONTINUE, AS IN THE PAST, TO
LIVE IN TRUE BROTHERHOOD."

I SHOULD BE GRATEFUL IF YOU COULD KINDLY ARRANGE FOR THE TEXT
OF THIS LETTER TO BE ISSUED AS AN OFFICIAL UNITED NATIONS
DOCUMENT.

ACCEPT, SIR, THE ASSURANCES OF MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION.

(SIGNED) SIMEON AKE
PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE
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